

**Fellowship Lutheran Church
Council Minutes - March 11 2008**

Members Present: Pr. Alan, Roy Brockmeier, Jeryl Miller,
Dave Swendsen, Ginni Young, Pete Luitwieler, Patti Schmigle

Guests: Tim Airhart, Barb Nelson, Paul Grundmann

Members Absent: Greg Gordon, Laura McGowen

Others Present: Steve Camp

Devotions: Dave Swendsen

Secretary's Report: M-S -C to approve February 2008 Council Minutes.

Building Committee Update – Paul Grundmann

Paul summarized the preliminary recommendations from the building committee. They believe the recommendation will be to complete the entire plan in two phases. One phase would cover an activity center, and the other would cover an education facility. Further, the committee believes it would be preferential to place the activity center on the north side of the current facility and to place the education center on the east side of the property, closer to existing parking. The architect has scheduled a predevelopment meeting with the city later in March. Jim Milton is preparing a motion, and the committee expects to finalize recommendations for the council by the April council meeting. It is possible that a special congregation meeting will be called sometime in late April.

Evangelism Committee Update – Barb Nelson, Tim Airhart, David Guier, Sharon Russ

Barb, Tim, David and Sharon covered these major topics and activities in the evangelism committee:

- Discussion on view of membership and how we are communicating with visitors
- Process we are using in developing our visitors to want to *Belong* at Fellowship; space for meet and greets and new membership class has been a challenge
- Marketing our church outside our own walls – discussion items included using the “*Belong*” theme, community awareness efforts, possible billboard advertising, press releases, optimal use of our resources for getting our name and mission more visible, new logo design under development, “Housewarmers of Broken Arrow” – gift packets with community guides and coupon books hand delivered to new households. FLC ad and small gift included in the guides.
- Alpha Class has branding associated with it, and can be helpful in attracting interest and active new members. ChristCare, a system offered by Stephen

Ministries, helps implement meaningful small group ministry and will also be an important element of creating deeper relationships within our congregation.

Pastor's Report: Provided verbal comments in meeting; Pastor's report will be posted on FLC's website

Ministry Team's Reports: Provided verbal comments in meeting; Steve's Ministry Team Report will be posted on FLC's website.

Old Business:

- Nominating Committee Update – Patti Schmigle informed the council that Al Williams has accepted the Stewardship Committee Chair. The council had a discussion about whether or not to fill the position opened by Bob Mentzel's resignation, and the recommendation was to fill it if possible. Roy Brockmeier will contact additional candidates for council member, using input from the Nominating Committee.
- Delegates for Synod Assembly and Nominations for church-wise assembly was discussed.

New Business:

Directors and Officers Insurance – the need for this type of insurance was discussed. ELCA has recommended churches carry D&O insurance and bonding. A motion was made that the Finance Committee review the requirements for D&O insurance and bonding of treasurer/counters and make a recommendation for the council's consideration. The motion was seconded and approved.

Pr. Breunsbach's 50th Anniversary – After discussion on this matter, a motion was made that the new education wing be named in honor of our founding Pr. Dan Breunsbach and his wife, Alta. Motion was seconded and approved.

Barbara Johnson's recommendation for an alcohol-free and gluten-free communion trial was discussed.

Treasurer's Report: M-S-C to approve February 2008 Treasurer's Report

Celebrations: We are thankful for a wonderful Lenten season
We celebrate the kickoff of another Habitat House
We are thankful for the outcomes of the Council Retreat and the kickoff of our strategic planning process
The "Bellfest" at the Tulsa Convention Center was a blessing
We are excited with the level of activity and enthusiasm from very active team leaders, demonstrated by our evangelism committee

Next Council Meeting: April 8, 2008

Next Devotion: Jeryl Miller

